Subpart A—Early Site Permits

§52.12 Scope of subpart.

This subpart sets out the requirements and procedures applicable to Commission issuance of an early site permit for approval of a site for one or more nuclear power facilities separate from the filing of an application for a construction permit or combined license for the facility.

§52.13 Relationship to other subparts.

This subpart applies when any person who may apply for a construction permit under 10 CFR part 50, or for a combined license under this part seeks an early site permit from the Commission separately from an application for a construction permit or a combined license.

§ 52.15 Filing of applications.

- (a) Any person who may apply for a construction permit under 10 CFR part 50, or for a combined license under this part, may file an application for an early site permit with the Director, Office of New Reactors, or the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, as appropriate. An application for an early site permit may be filed notwithstanding the fact that an application for a construction permit or a combined license has not been filed in connection with the site for which a permit is sought.
- (b) The application must comply with the applicable filing requirements of §§ 52.3 and 50.30 of this chapter.
- (c) The fees associated with the filing and review of an application for the initial issuance or renewal of an early site permit are set forth in 10 CFR part 170.

§ 52.16 Contents of applications; general information.

The application must contain all of the information required by 10 CFR 50.33(a) through (d) and (j) of this chapter.

§ 52.17 Contents of applications; technical information.

(a) For applications submitted before September 27, 2007, the rule provisions in effect at the date of docketing apply unless otherwise requested by the applicant in writing. The application must contain:

- (1) A site safety analysis report. The site safety analysis report shall include the following:
- (i) The specific number, type, and thermal power level of the facilities, or range of possible facilities, for which the site may be used;
- (ii) The anticipated maximum levels of radiological and thermal effluents each facility will produce;
- (iii) The type of cooling systems, intakes, and outflows that may be associated with each facility;
 - (iv) The boundaries of the site;
- (v) The proposed general location of each facility on the site;
- (vi) The seismic, meteorological, hydrologic, and geologic characteristics of the proposed site with appropriate consideration of the most severe of the natural phenomena that have been historically reported for the site and surrounding area and with sufficient margin for the limited accuracy, quantity, and period of time in which the historical data have been accumulated;
- (vii) The location and description of any nearby industrial, military, or transportation facilities and routes:
- (viii) The existing and projected future population profile of the area surrounding the site;
- (ix) A description and safety assessment of the site on which a facility is to be located. The assessment must contain an analysis and evaluation of the major structures, systems, and components of the facility that bear significantly on the acceptability of the site under the radiological consequence evaluation factors identified paragraphs (a)(1)(ix)(A)(a)(1)(ix)(B) of this section. In performing this assessment, an applicant shall assume a fission product release¹ from the core into the containment assuming that the facility is operated at the ultimate power level contemplated.

¹The fission product release assumed for this evaluation should be based upon a major accident, hypothesized for purposes of site analysis or postulated from considerations of possible accidental events. Such accidents have generally been assumed to result in substantial meltdown of the core with subsequent release into the containment of appreciable quantities of fission products.